

# Food Fellows: Engaging Students in Meaningful Community-University Experiences

## Purpose

Food Fellows was created in response to the need for an educated and specially trained workforce able to work with communities to consider long-term sustainable solutions based on translational research from the farm to the fork. FF was built largely on relationships formed through the Hunger.FOOD.Health initiative, and uses applied experiential skill building through service-learning models of community-university partnerships to advance knowledge, encourage collaboration, and engage students in complex global issues.

## Impact

**Knowledge-Building:** Students gathered monthly to discuss a range of food-related issues, such as food production, urban agriculture, healthy food access, food security and health, food waste, and food policy.

**Advocacy:** Fifty interdisciplinary students, faculty, and staff are registered to participate in a SNAP Challenge where they will eat on \$4.50/day for six days to experience living on Food Stamps.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Social Work  
College of Education and Human Ecology  
College of Engineering: City and Regional Planning/Knowlton  
School of Architecture  
Glenn School of Public Affairs  
College of Public Health  
Medical Dietetics:  
College of Medicine  
College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

## Community Partners Involved

Mid-Ohio Foodbank  
Local Matters  
Healthy Corner Store Initiative (United Way)  
Franklinton Gardens  
Children's Hunger Alliance  
Columbus Public Health  
Greater Hilltop Shalom Zone  
Campus Kitchens Project

**Skill-Building:** Students worked on three major community-based projects with Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Children's Hunger Alliance, and Columbus Public Health addressing senior hunger, local foods, and national food programs.



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